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I have this day Resumed CHARGE
of the Company's BRANCHES
at this Port.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 377

BONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Ninth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in
the above COMPANY will be held at the
OFFICES of the COMPANY, Pedder's Street,
on MONDAY, the 28th day of February,
1898, at 12.30 of the Clock in the AFTER-
NOON, to receive a Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1897, and the Report
of the General Manager, and to elect a
Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 16th to the
28th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 21, 1898. 378

THE
MICASTOS FACTORY.

Mr. C. HOLDSWORTH,
Superintendent of Works, Saikwan Road,
Hongkong.

THE GENERAL MANAGERS are prepared

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65 Cents per superficial square foot for
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65 Cents per superficial square foot for
STEAM PIPES;

Exposed STEAM PIPES needing extra
Wrapping and Canvas and Tar Dressing
will be treated with the above Compositions
at \$1.05 per superficial square foot.

A Stock of the Compositions is kept ready
for Sale packed in 5 cwt. casks. Price for
ton lots \$10 per ton F.O.B. and in smaller
quantities at \$6 per cwt. F.O.B.

All work will be under the personal super-
vision of Mr. HOLDSWORTH, and all Orders
must be sent through the undersigned.

BREWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 392

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THEATRE ROYAL.

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By kind Permission of Captain the Hon. HEDWORTH LAMPTON, THE DRAMATIC COMPANY.

H.M.S. 'POWERFUL.'

Will give a Performance TO-NIGHT, the 23rd February, Commencing at 9.15 p.m.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT Concluding with the GRAND REALISTIC TABLEAUX.

SONS OF THE OCEAN.

The whole to conclude with the Laughter Farce

'BORROWED PLUMES.'

THE SPLENDID STRING BAND Will play selections during the Performance.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats \$2

Stalls 60 cents.

Back Seats 60 cents.

Soldiers and Sailors half-price except to the Back Seats.

Seats may be Booked at the Robinson's Piano Co.'s Saloon.

Hongkong, February 23, 1898. 330

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'THE DUCHESS OF BAYSWATER & Co.'

and

'A PANTOMIME REHEARSAL'

ON

SATURDAY, the 26th February, 1898.

Curtain Rises at 9 p.m., Precisely.

PRICES ... \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Half Price to the Fit for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.

Seats can be Booked at the Theatre on and after THURSDAY, the 24th February.

Booking Office open from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Late Trams quarter of an hour after fall of Curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 22, 1898. 380

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

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'RADAKI, KOWLOON.'

A LARGO QUANTITY OF

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Comprising:—

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG & WHAMPONG DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1897, on or before the 15th March, on which date the Accounts will be CLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 23, 1898. 397

'MOGUL' LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND

YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Lemnos*, Captain Williamson, will be despatched as above at Daylight, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 23, 1898. 330

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship *Dardanus*, Captain Gregory, will be despatched to the above at Daylight, TO-MORROW, the 24th instant.

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Mr. Sydney Olivier, R.N., well known on the cricket and football field on the China Station, is appointed to the command of the torpedo-destroyer *Hawock*.

There will be a meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow afternoon, at 4.15. With the exception of a report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon on the milk supplies of the Colony, the business is formal.

It is notified, under instructions received from the War Office, that the Asiatic Companies, Royal Artillery, at Hongkong and Singapore, have been formed into one battalion and designated the Hongkong Asiatic Battalion. The Singapore Company, Royal Artillery, will be No. 5 of the above battalion.

Two French officials fought a duel at Hami on the 15th inst. With singular inappropriateness (it was a French duel) they fought behind the Hospital! The weapon selected was the sword. By accident one of the belligerent functionaries was scratched on the little finger and the right forearm. Honour was satisfied.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon, a collision took place, on the Kowloon wharfs, between the steam launches *Heron* and *Dakia*. The *Dakia* was struck amidships, and quickly filled with water. She was, however, towed alongside the Prayi wall, and secured alongside the wharf. The *Heron* was also badly damaged about the bow.

A STRAITS WANDERER IN PARIS writes to the *Singapore Free Press* on the 16th January.—As to matters farther East, the idea is that Siam is ear-marked for France. A French friend of mine, well acquainted with the East, tells me that the tricolor will wave over Bangkok within another year. This may or (I like to be safe in my prophecies) may not be true—all the better for Singapore trade if it isn't.

FROM AMERICAN EXCHANGES received several days ago, we learned that the North Pacific squadron had assembled at Esquimalt, Rear-Admiral Palliser flying his flag on the *Impregnable*, and that this rendezvous had been made so that the squadron might sail at a moment's notice to reinforce the China fleet. With the exception of the gunboats operating in the Persian Gulf, the East India squadron is in the useful neighbourhood of Ceylon. East of Suez the British naval strength is formidable, and should enable the world-wide Empire to retain the command of the seas in the event of an unfortunate outbreak of hostilities.

In the *Straits Times* of the 12th inst., "The Moralist" laments:—Why, oh, why did I not speculate in Cardiff coal! But a few days ago, I could have bought it at \$15 a ton, and to-day I could sell it for more than double that price. Thus are our opportunities in life wasted for lack of foresight. Yet, I doubt whether very much money has been made by the holders of Cardiff coal. A certain amount, I take it, had to be held firm under contract for British Naval needs, and our Admiralty bought a good deal more before the price boomed. The higher profit, then, can only be made on the balance. Still, one per cent profit, or even a few thousand tons, is fairly satisfactory business.

THE "China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company" has been floated; which fact shows equitably that the scheme is not a "feint want." Capital is \$1,000,000, in fifty thousand shares, at \$20 each—half of which (\$500,000) is called up. It is not expected the balance will be called up, as the Company will most likely issue debentures later on. No prospectus has been issued, as the Chinese appear to have supported the Company most readily. Messrs. Shaw, Tones & Co. are the managers. We understand the Company will do a general trust and loan business—a branch of commercial facility which cannot always be done by the Banks. Loans on cargo to arrive will be a prominent feature of the Company's operations; and this is, we believe, not only safe, but conducive to extended general business, and should prove to be (if well managed) a considerable relief to the "tightness of the market" experienced by every one of late. This does not mean any competition with any of the Banks, or with the great London Investment Company. Short loans and monthly or quarterly payments are the essence of the business. So we are informed; and as we have said, with careful management, the Company may be not only a boon to Chinese clients but a good thing to investors. The Directors are: Messrs. R. Shaw, J. H. Lewis, J. Van Buren, Chow Tung Shang (National Bank), Wong Ho Chan (Sugar merchant), and Chow Hing (Lee Shing & Co.). If, as we have said, careful management be secured—erad that ought to be made certain under present conditions—the new Company seems to have a bright

VEHICLES AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon, Kwangtung, March 1, 1898, Batavia, H.M.S. *Bromley*.

Arrived.—(None).

Departed.—*West York*, *Compton*.

Left the *New Walks* by A. G. Ward, Esq., on the 2nd.—Arrived *Plains*.

We note the departure of the P. and O. intermediate steamer *Borneo* for London has been cancelled, and hear that she has been run into (in the Inland Sea) by a Japanese steamer. Her passenger accommodation for Home was, we believe, fully booked.

The Installation meeting of the Phoenix Chapter of Sovereign Princes Rose Croix of H. R. D. M., No. 17 A and A, Scottish Rite, was held in the Masonic Hall on Shrove Tuesday, the 22nd inst., when the following Officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year:—M. W. Sov., Sir Knight T. Safford; I. P. M. W. Sov., Sir Knight J. L. Andrew; Deputy M. W. Sov., Sir Knight F. Howell 30, P. M. W. Sov.; High Prelate, Sir Knight J. H. Thomas; Treasurer, Sir Knight Ugo Nervagna; Secretary, Sir Knight G. A. Watkins, 32; P. M. W. Sov.; Master of Ceremonies, Sir Knight G. Mollison; Chancellor, Sir Knight F. Utto; Inner Guard, Sir Knight C. Lesliebird; Esquire, Sir Bro. B. Jorus.

PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT TO THE FAR EAST.

HIS RECEPTION AT HONGKONG.

We are informed officially that as yet no arrangements have been made in Hongkong for the reception of Prince Henry of Prussia. That Hongkong will not be lacking in cordiality to His Royal Highness. The weapon selected was the sword. By accident one of the belligerent functionaries was scratched on the little finger and the right forearm. Honour was satisfied.

The *Nauvoo* is a first-class battleship of 9,740 tons displacement. She was built at a cost of over £70,000. She carries four 12-in. 52-ton guns, with a complement of quick-fires, as secondary armament. She carries 1,200 tons of coal in her bunkers and is rated at a speed of 16 knots. The *Sisoo* is of interest from the fact that she largely represents Russia in the international squadrons stationed in Cretan waters, and it was on board this the German community will follow the example of their compatriots of Colombo and Singapore, and will give Prince Henry an audience at a royal reception at the Club Germania.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT COLOMBO.

The following appears in the military orders of the 5th inst. at Colombo:—

H. R. H. Prince Henry of Prussia is expected to arrive on Sunday, the 6th inst. (a) If H. R. H. Highness lands as a Royal Prince: In addition to the usual salute of the O.C.R.A. will arrange for the firing of a Royal Salute of 21 guns on H. R. H. Highness leaving the ship. The hour will be notified hereafter. The O.C.I.N.L.R. will furnish a guard of honor consisting of 100 rank and file, under a Captain with two subalterns, one carrying the Queen's Colour; a proportion of Sergeants and the regimental band to be at the Passenger Jetty at an hour to be notified. Officers Commanding Corps and Heads of Departments will meet H. R. H. the General Officer Commanding at an hour to be notified.

(b) In the event of H. R. H. Highness landing as an Admiral, the R.A. salute will be 21 guns. The guard of honour will consist of 50 Rank and file and two officers, one with the Regimental Colours, and a band. Officers Commanding Corps and Heads of Departments will not then be required to attend. Drills (a) and (b) Review Order: White.

PREPARATIONS AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Feb. 11.

Prince Henry of Prussia is expected to arrive here on the evening of Tuesday, the 22nd instant, with his squadron—the *Deutschland* and the *Gefion*. Prince Henry may stay here about five days. The Tentonia Club are making extensive festive arrangements to receive the Prince. The reception will take the form of a Garden Party, to be held in the Club grounds, Tengloa, on the evening of Tuesday, the 24th instant. It is desired to give the entertainment a thoroughly Oriental character. The probable items include: native girls, juggling foals, conjuring tricks, performances by dancing girls, and Indian theatricals. The Club would like to invite as many of the non-German community as possible, but, owing to the limited space of the Club grounds, they cannot invite as many as they would like. Prince Henry is now in Colombo. He arrived at Colombo on Wednesday last. The Governor was most kind to him on board the *Deutschland*, and the *Gefion* will be in receipt of a good welcome.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

Supplementary Army Estimates bring the total increase to £1,600,000. The Cavalry is to be slightly increased and the Artillery by fifteen batteries.

CHINA.

It is stated that China has agreed to admit foreign and native steamers on all the inland waters within four months.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD COMPETITION.

DRAW FOR THE THIRD ROUND.

The Shield Committee met yesterday and drew for the third round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield as follows:—

Winner: H.M.S. *Powerful* v. C Company, K.O.R. v. Winner of H.M.S. *Narcissus* v. H.M.S. *Centaur*.

E Company, K.O.R. v. G Company, K.R.

H.M.S. *Victor Emmanuel* v. Kowloon D. Company, K.O.R. v. 25th Company, S.D. H.A.

This round must be played off before March 3. The kick-off must be not later than half-past four.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 2nd at 11.40 a.m. A further rise of the barometer has taken place on the China coast, and high pressure now covers Central China. The low pressure area has passed to the Eastward of Japan. Gradients moderate on the coast and in the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh N. and N.E. winds; fair.

The amounts and denominations of new gold coins minted at the Osaka Mint up to the end of January were as follows:—

20-yan 10-yan 5-yan coins, coins, coins, yen, yen, yen.

June 100,000

July 50,000

August 100,000

September 10,000

October 37,294,800 29,850,000 455,000

November 3,183,000 65,000

December 1,587,000 50,000

Jan. 1898 8,300,000

Total 37,294,800 29,850,000 823,100

Grand Total 67,028,710 yen.

The object of the Government is, it is said, to mint as many as 73 million yen.

Japan Gazette.

Mr. Breen's report on Japanese trade has provided a revelation to the merchant in England. He points out very clearly the gradual deterioration of almost every article of Japanese manufacture, but he has not made as much as he might have done of the great difference of prices in China and Japan. An interesting instance of this difference has been brought to our notice this week. A Kowloon merchant obtained samples of a certain class of goods from Hongkong with a view of having an order executed here, to save freight. The Hongkong quotations were \$15.00, but when the samples were shown to a maker here he said he could not make the article in question for less than \$20.00, notwithstanding that the material of which the article is made is as common in Japan as in China—*water-cresses*.

VEHICLES AT THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon, Kwangtung, March 1, 1898, Batavia, H.M.S. *Bromley*.

Arrived.—(None).

Departed.—*West York*, *Compton*.

Left the *New Walks* by A. G. Ward, Esq., on the 2nd.—Arrived *Plains*.

THE FRENCH AND HAINAN.

FURTHER PREPARATIONS FOR OCCUPATION.

Le *Courrier d'Haiphong* of the 17th February says:—We believe—and the report is confirmed in part by the movement of troops going on at Quang-yen—that the 3rd Battery of Artillery garrisoning Daupau (in the north of Tonkin) has been placed on war footing and kept in readiness for four days, awaiting an order to leave that place for Haiphong, where it will be despatched for the Island of Hainan, which it will occupy conjointly with the

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Legislative Council met this afternoon. H. E. Major-General Black, C.B., Acting-Governor, presided. There were present: Hon. J. H. Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary; Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General; Hon. R. D. Ormsby, Director of Public Works; Hon. F. H. May, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police; Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Colonial Treasurer; Hon. R. Murray Ramsay, Harbour Master; Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., J. J. Bell-Irving, T. H. Whitehead, Ho Kai, E. R. Bellilius, and Hon. Wei Yuk; and Mr. J. G. T. Buckle, Clerk of Councils.

ABSENT WITH LEAVE.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read,

Mr. Whitehead said—I was absent from the last meeting of the Council with leave received from the Governor.

His Excellency—We will add "with leave."

PROPOSED NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

Mr. Whitehead—I beg to give notice of the following motion:—Be it resolved that Government lay upon the table a copy of the Colonial Office's Report, dated 23rd November 1897, of the Committee appointed 8th September 1894 by His Excellency Sir William Robinson to report on the condition of the Government Offices and the desirability of locating the various Government departments under one roof, together with a copy of further explanations the Government may have given in connection therewith and a copy of the Secretary of State's Despatch No. 123 of 6th June 1896.

DOCUMENTS.

The Colonial Secretary laid upon the table the Report of the Superintendent of the Firs Brigade for 1897; Report of Superintendent of Victoria Gaol for 1897; Report of the Director of the Observatory for 1897; Report on the "Widow's" and Orphan's Pension Fund for 1897; Report on Public Works Department Stores, and Criminal Statistics and Coroners Returns for 1897.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

Mr. Ormsby—I rise to propose the following resolution:—That in the opinion of this Council it is expedient *ad hoc* to construct the New Law Courts and accessory offices on Plot No. 2 on the New Reclamation, namely, the larger of the two lots reserved for Government Offices, immediately in front of the City Hall; and (b) to retain the sites of the present Post Office and Supreme Court for the erection of a new Post Office, which should also afford accommodation for the Treasury, and other offices as may be decided on. Mr. Ormsby then reviewed the different schemes at some length.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S RESOLUTION.

Mr. Whitehead—Your Excellency—

Although it is not on the agenda, I gave notice of a resolution, which reads as follows:

That the report of the proceedings of the Public Works Committee, for the construction of the New Law Courts and accessory offices on Plot No. 2 on the New Reclamation, namely, the larger of the two lots reserved for Government Offices, immediately in front of the City Hall; and (b) to retain the sites of the present Post Office and Supreme Court for the erection of a new Post Office, which should also afford accommodation for the Treasury, and other offices as may be decided on. Mr. Ormsby then reviewed the different schemes at some length.

THE OPEN-AIR FETE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A LETTER OF THANKS.

The Sisters of the Church Extension Association, in acknowledging the receipt of £167 18s. 10d., write most gratefully to the Colonial Secretary, and say:—We thank you for your kind gift, and for your kind words of appreciation of our scheme for the new Government Offices. We thank you for your kind words of appreciation of our scheme for the new Government Offices. We thank you for your kind words of appreciation of our scheme for the new Government Offices.

THE SONG OF THE SEA.

I bear you Britishers from land to land.

That fair'st health your hand it shows,

As your commerce stretches its golden

wand,

And freedom's seed where it grows.

Go then! scour my bosom from East to West.

For the gold that my help may bring;

So do and die at your White Queen's bower.

And sail where'er my white waves sing.

And you shall not dread any foreign way,

Be it murder, rapine, or hate;

But you'll protect under the White Queen's sway.

All men who'll serve in Frodon's state.

If ever I did fail you in battle

Free all will call the reason why;

You had followed some false god or chattel

Whose call was not my Frodon's cry.

Free as the sea, your battle cry must be,

Tell it to fair-darted Cathay

THE CHINA MAIL.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1898.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL £824,374.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
Court of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Esq. J. T. LAUTS, Esq.
CHAN KAI-SIUM, Esq. CHOW TUNG-SHANG,
KWAN HOI-CHUN, Esq.
Esq.
Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000.
PAID UP £625,000.
RESERVE FUND £10,000.

BANKERS—LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months 4%
6 " 3%
3 " 2%
2 " 2%
J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 1, 1897.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP £800,000.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS £800,000.

RESERVE FUND £237,000.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4%
6 " 3%
3 " 2%
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital £10,000,000.
Reserve Fund £8,000,000.
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS—

Hon. J. J. BELL-YOUNG, Chairman.
R. M. GRAY, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
C. Beurmann, Esq. A. J. Raymond, Esq.
G. D. Boning, Esq. E. L. Richardson,
G. B. Bowdell, Esq. Esq.
David Gabbay, Esq. R. Shewan, Esq.
Armin Haupt, Esq. N. A. Slobs, Esq.

Chief Manager:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
Manager:
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County
Banking Co., Ltd.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 3 months 2% per cent. per annum.
6 " 3%
12 " 4%
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 12, 1898. 368

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of £100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

CHAR. J. GAUFF & CO.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths,
NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND
METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGEURS' TELEGRAPHED

BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RETRO'S LIQUID AND GUM COMPASSES.

ADMIRALTY ALTIMETERS.

NAUTICAL BOOKS.

EGGSH. SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

CHRISTIE & CO. ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE.

GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY

of great variety.

DIA MONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

Splendid Collection of the Latest London

A Patterns, of very moderate price. 724

GRIMMELT'S SYRUP •
OF
HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME
FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST

All suffering from Catarrh, Consumption, Obstinate Coughs or Colds and those affected with Diseases of the Chest, Lungs and Bronchial Tubes, should take

GRIMMELT'S SYRUP OF HYPO-PHOSPHITE OF LIME Prescribed by the leading medical authorities in all countries for the last twenty-five years with the greatest success, it continues to retain its reputation where all other medicines have failed.

Grimmelt's Syrup immediately arrests the Cough, Spitting of blood and Night-sweats, and the Appetite improves rapidly—a fact soon demonstrated in an increase of weight and healthy appearance.

Grimmelt's Syrup has a rose colour, and is sold in flat oval bottles. Beware of imitations.

GRIMMELT & CO., Paris, 16, Rue de la Paix.

HONG KONG & CO., Chemists.

Hongkong, February 10, 1898. 858

Shipping.

Steamers.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI

The Co.'s steamship

Formosa, Captain HODGINS, will

be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 24th

Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 23, 1898. 370

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA,

(Fiume & Egitto United Companies).

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN,

EGYPT, MARSEILLES,

MEDITERRANEAN AND

BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON,

HAVRE, BORDEAUX;

ALSO

POINTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship

Ernesto, Captain TAYLER, will

be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 24th Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 21, 1898. 370

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Fiume & Egitto United Companies).

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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—**E. ALLEN**, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. **GEORGE SMITH & CO.**, 50, Cornhill. **GORDON & GORCH**, 1, Ludgate Circus, E.C. **PARSONS & CO.**, 37, Walbrook, E.C. **SAMUEL DRAGON & CO.**, 159 & 164, Leadenhall Street. **W. M. WILLIS**, 161, Cannon Street, E.C. **ROBERT WATSON**, 160, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE—**MAYENCE**, Faver & Co., 18, Rue de la Grande Bataille.

NEW YORK—**THE CHINESE EVANGELIST**, 62, West Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally—**BEAN & BLACK**, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND—**GORDON & GORCH**, Milner & Sons, Sydney.

GEYTON—**T. M. SMITH & CO.**, The American Goods Co., Geyton.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—**KELLY & WATSON**, 1, Singapore.

CHINA—**MAGGIO, A. A. DI CHI**, Agency, H. W. CHINCHILLI, Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and **KELLY & WATSON**, Fokkong, Lany, Crawford & Co., and **KELLY & CO.**

INSURANCES.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895, £12,433,131.

Authorised Capital..... £3,000,000.00.

Subscribed Capital..... £2,750,000.00.

Paid-up Capital..... £857,600.00.

Fire Funds..... £2,501,016.29.

HAVING been appointed Agents of the above Company we are prepared to accept European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMEI & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 23, 1896. 1647

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714)

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £460,000.

CAPITAL PAID UP, £183,000.

TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED, £9,000,000.

TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £850,000.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed Agents of the above Society in Hongkong, are prepared to issue Policies against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & CO., 1142, Praya Central.

AMERICAN SYSTEM of DENTISTRY.

39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

CHADWICK KEW. (late of Poole & Nobles)

Hongkong, July 12, 1897. 2588

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS—FEBRUARY 23, 1898.

Stocks. **No. of Shares.** **Value.** **Yield up.** **Closing Quotations, -** **Class.**

BANKS. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 80,000 3 12 all 173 2/3 prem. or div. = [£341,250]

Bank of China, Limited, shares 30,056 2 6 all 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£30,056]

“ ordinary ” 100,000 2 12 all 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£100,000]

“ deferred ” 1,250 2 12 all 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£1,250]

National Bank of China, Limited, shares 100,000 2 12 all 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£100,000]

GENERAL INSURANCES. Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., 10,000 2 250 1/2 prem. or div. = [£2,500]

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., 24,000 2 83 3/4 prem. or div. = [£20,000]

North China Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£5,000]

Strait Insurance Co., Ltd., 30,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£30,000]

Union Insurance Society, Ltd., 10,000 2 250 1/2 prem. or div. = [£2,500]

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd., 8,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£2,000]

SHIP INSURANCES. China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 20,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£5,000]

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., 5,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£1,250]

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., 12,500 2 12 all 128 2/3 prem. = [£10,000]

STEAMBOATS. China and Manlia S. Co., Ltd., 5,000 2 50 all 176 1/2 sellers = [£880]

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited, 20,000 2 50 all 176 1/2 sellers = [£10,000]

HK. C. and M. Steamship Co., Ltd., 60,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£15,000]

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited, 20,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£5,000]

China Mutual S. N. Co., 20,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£5,000]

Do. (new lease) 20,000 2 100 1/2 prem. or div. = [£5,000]

REFINERIES. China Sugar Company, Limited, 20,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£3,400]

Luxon Sugar Company, Limited, 1,000 2 10 all 171 buyers = [£200]

WHEATES. HK. & Row, Wharf & Godown Co., 30,000 2 5 all 169 buyers = [£3,450]

Wanchai Warehouses and Storage Company, Limited, 2,600 2 10 all 171 buyers = [£410]

LAND AND BUILDING. Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, 30,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£3,400]

Kowloon Land and Building Company, 4,000 2 5 all 173 buyers = [£400]

Humphreys' Estate & Finance Co., 20,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£3,400]

West Point Building Co., Limited, 12,500 2 5 all 173 buyers = [£2,500]

TELEGRAPH. HK. High-Level Telegraphs Co., Ltd., 1,250 2 100 all 193 ex. div., buyers = [£100]

Jipala Mining & Trading Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 10 all 172 buyers = [£1,700]

New Jipala Mining Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 10 all 172 buyers = [£1,700]

“ Kew ” Estates and Colégianas Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 32,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£3,200]

Sociedad Francesa des Colonias, 15,000 2 100 all 173 buyers = [£1,500]

New Balmoral Gold M'g Co., Ltd., 50,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£5,000]

“ ” Professors shares, 75,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£7,500]

Rab Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£1,000]

Oliver's Freshfield Mines, Ltd., 20,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£2,000]

PLANTING, ETC. 25,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£2,500]

China-Borneo Oil Co., Ltd., 7,500 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£750]

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited, in liquidation, 6,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£600]

HOTELS, ETC. Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd., 12,000 2 6 all 163 sellers = [£1,920]

DISPENSARIES. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, 60,000 2 10 all 172 buyers = [£12,000]

LIGHTING. HK. and China Gas Co., Limited, 70,000 2 10 all 172 buyers = [£14,000]

Hongkong Electric Co., Limited, 30,000 2 10 all 172 buyers = [£3,000]

BRICK AND CEMENT. Kowloon Island Cement Co., Ltd., 20,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£2,000]

“ Kew ” Materials, 10,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£1,000]

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, 5,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£500]

Hongkong Rope Manufactury Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£1,000]

Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 100 all 173 sellers = [£1,000]

Two Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 100 all 173 sellers = [£1,000]

International Cotton Manufactury Co., Ltd., 10,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£1,000]

Leung-King-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., 8,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£800]

Garnish & Co., Ltd., 2,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£200]

Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd., 2,000 2 100 all 173 buyers = [£200]

“ Founder's shares ” 100,000 2 10 all 173 buyers = [£10,000]

LOANS. Amount Value Interest Quotation

Winton Imperial 100,000 £10,000 £10,000 10% prem.

£10,000 100,000 10% prem.

To Let.

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2 ROOMS ON 2ND FLOOR No. 8, Queen's Road Central, Suitable for Office. Rent Moderate, Apply to SUI SANG, On the premises. Hongkong, January 27, 1898. 201

TO LET.

D WELLING HOUSES—BALAAR LODGE, at the PEAK. HOUSES in RIFTON TERRACE, No. 8, HOLLYWOOD ROAD. GODWINS in BLUE BUILDINGS, FLOORS, in STATION and ELGIN STREET. 1st FLOOR, No. 1, BLUE BUILDINGS. Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENTS, LTD., Hongkong, February 7, 1898. 275

Intimations.

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THE JAPAN FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

To be incorporated under the COMPANIES CHARTER, HONGKONG, 1865 to 1893, whereby the liability of MEMBERS is limited to the amount of their SHARES.

CAPITAL 1,000,000 Yen. Divided into 10,000 Shares of 100 Yen each.

Of which it is proposed to call up 50 Yen per Share.

1,000 Shares, the equivalent of Yen 250,000 have been Subscribed for and will be Allocated, and the remaining 7,500 Shares are now offered for subscription,

10 Yen are to be paid on Application;

15 Yen on Allotment, and

25 Yen on completion of the Registration of the Company, not later than the 30th day of June, 1898.

Provisional Directors:

F. GUERIN, Esq., of the Firm of Giroger & Co.

S. ISAACS, Esq., of the Firm of R. Isaacs and Brother.

L. KNAFF, Esq., of the Firm of Ulysse Pila & Co.

J. F. LOWMEYER, Barrister-at-Law.

M. F. MCDONALD, Esq., Paymaster, United States Navy.

W. F. MITCHELL, Esq., of the Firm of Samuel Samuel & Co.

J. R. MORSE, Esq., President of the American Trading Co.

W. H. TILL, Esq., of the Firm of Corne & Co.

Bankers:

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

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